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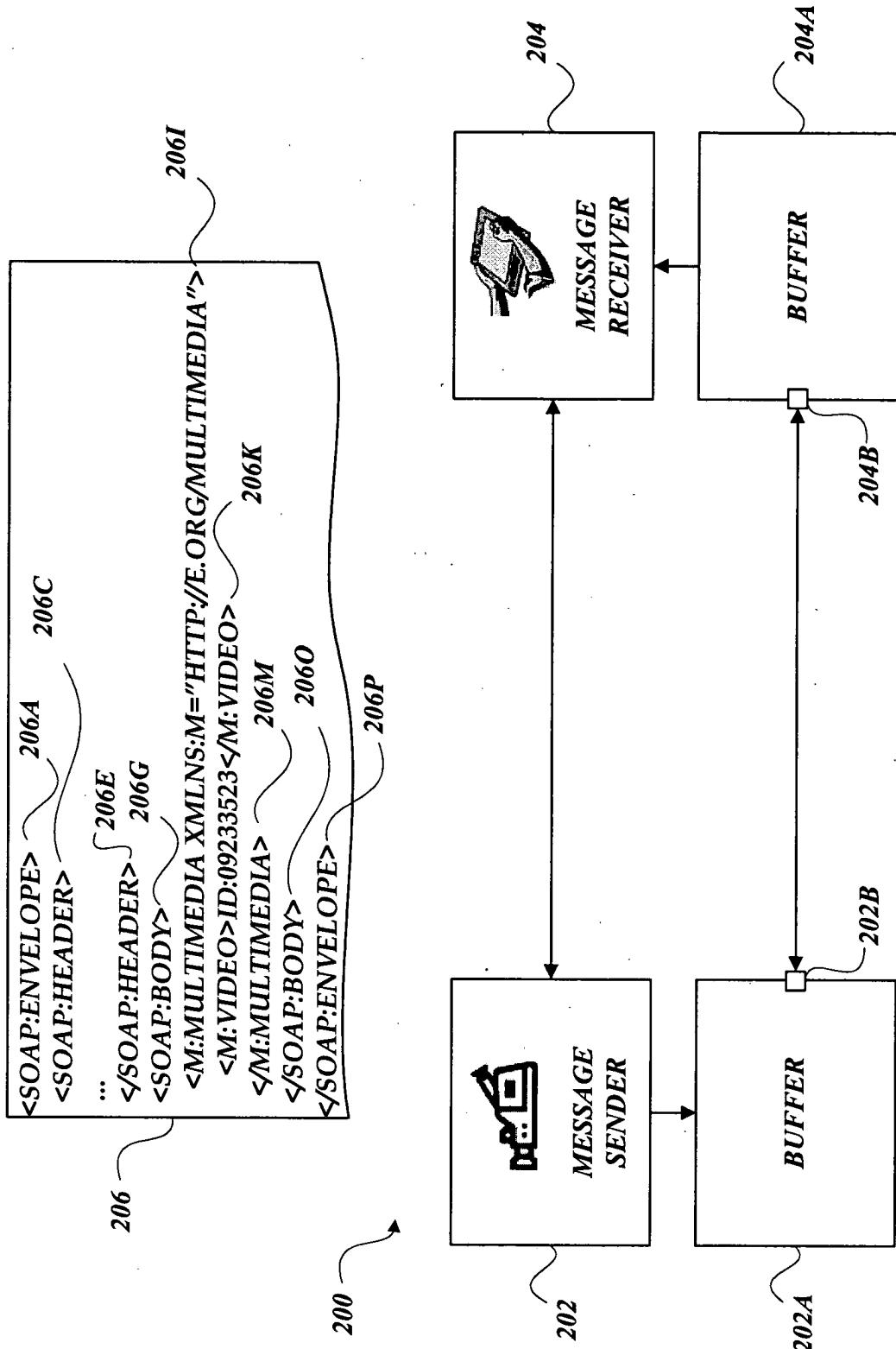


Fig. 2A.

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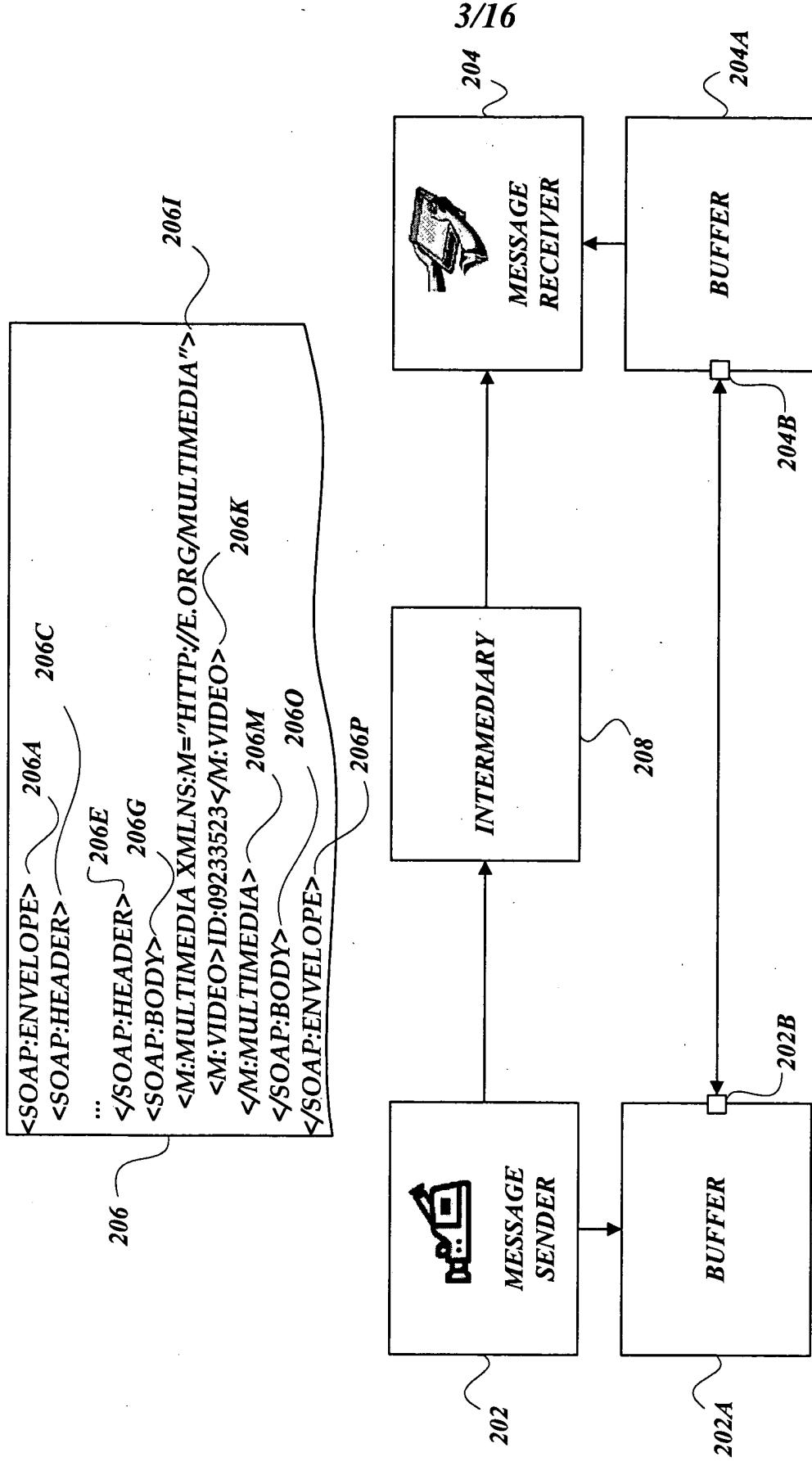


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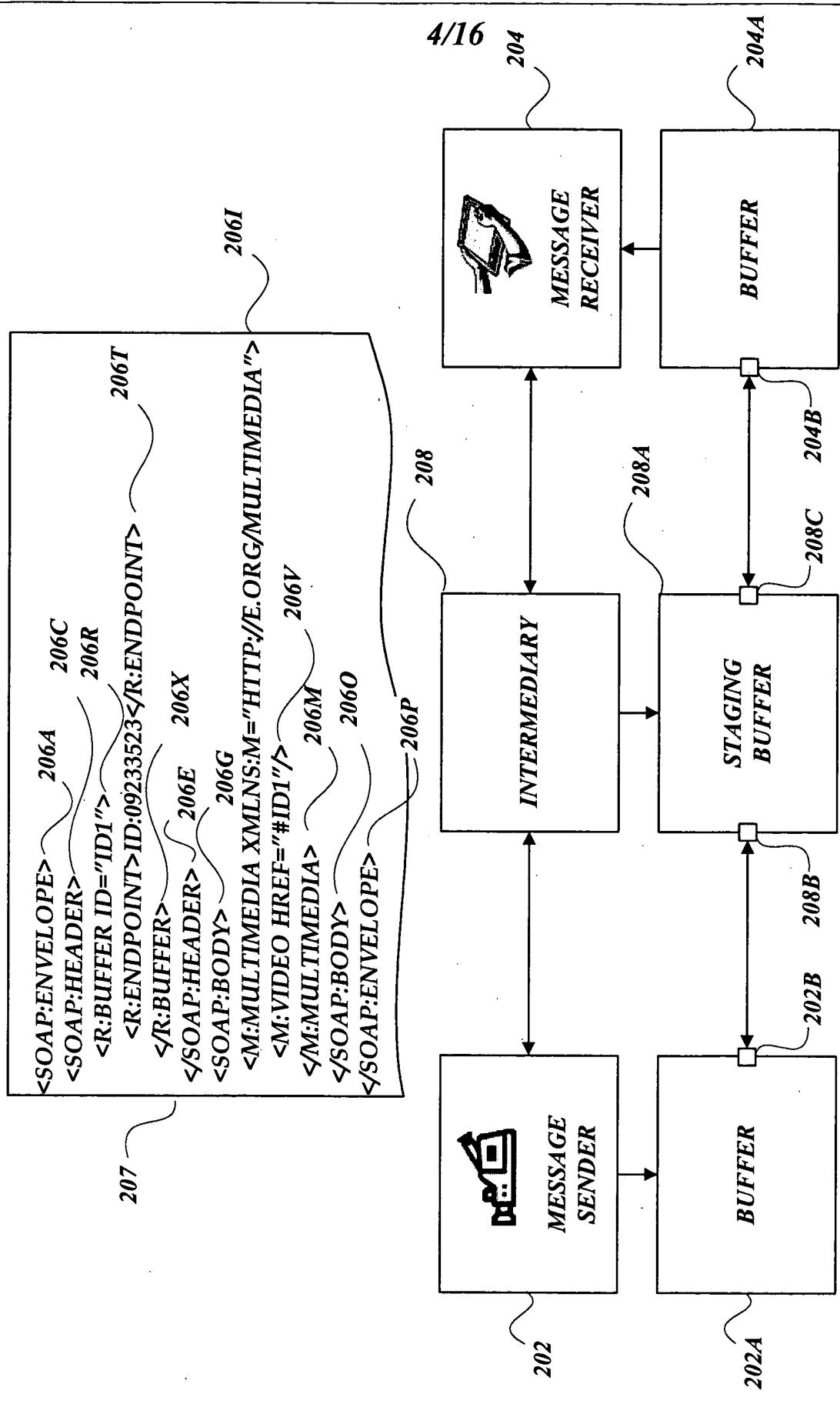


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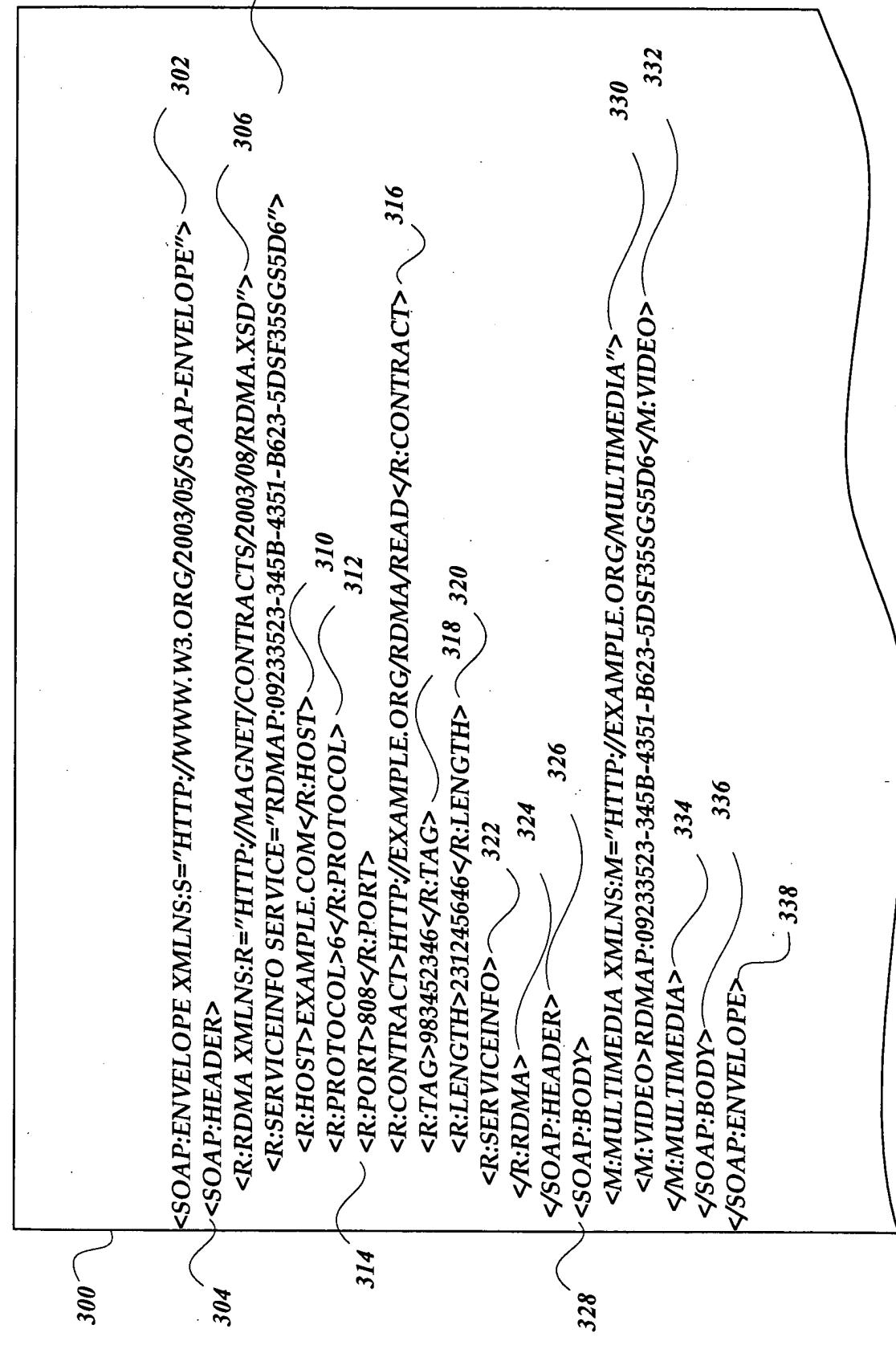


Fig. 3.

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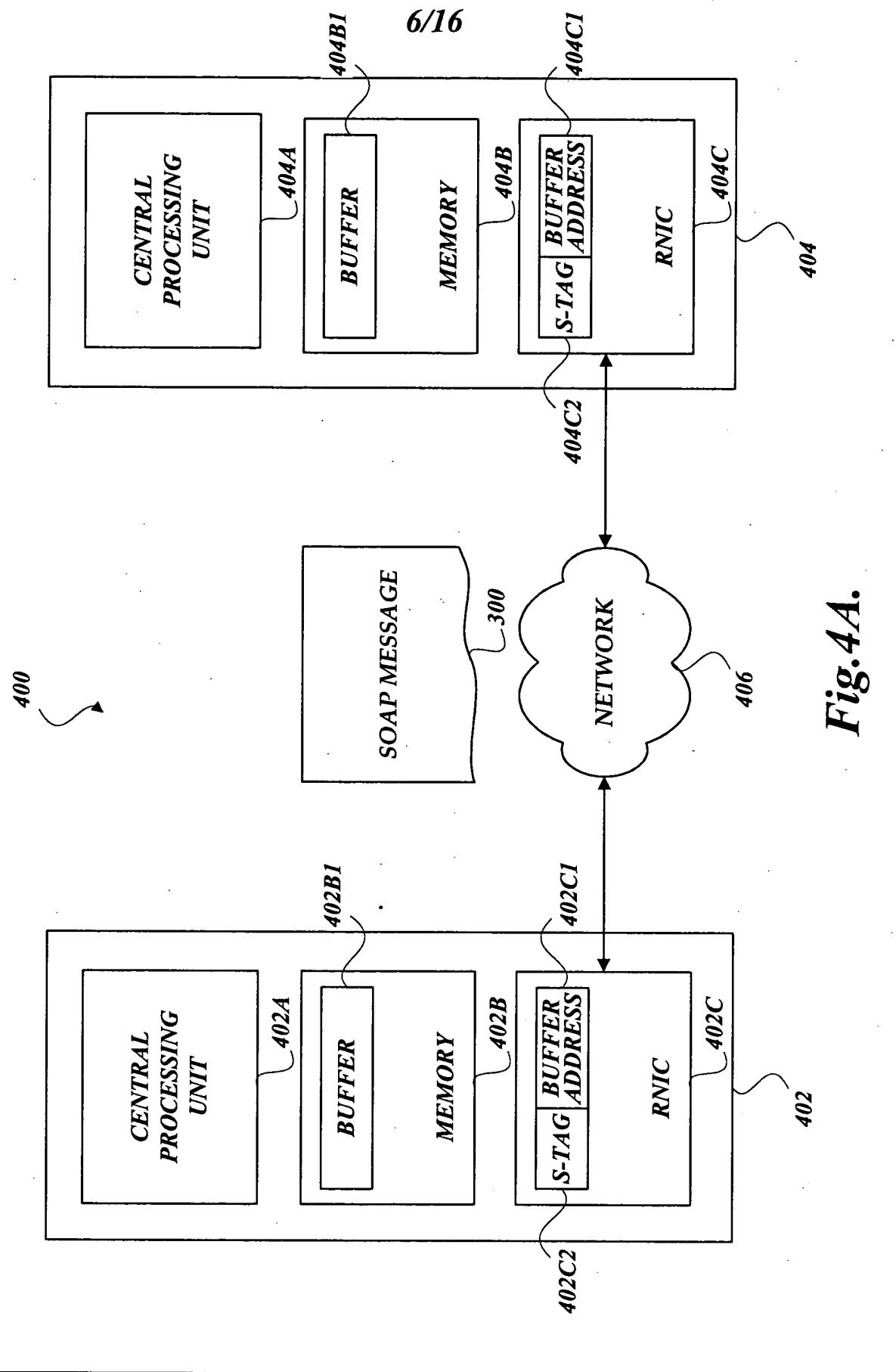


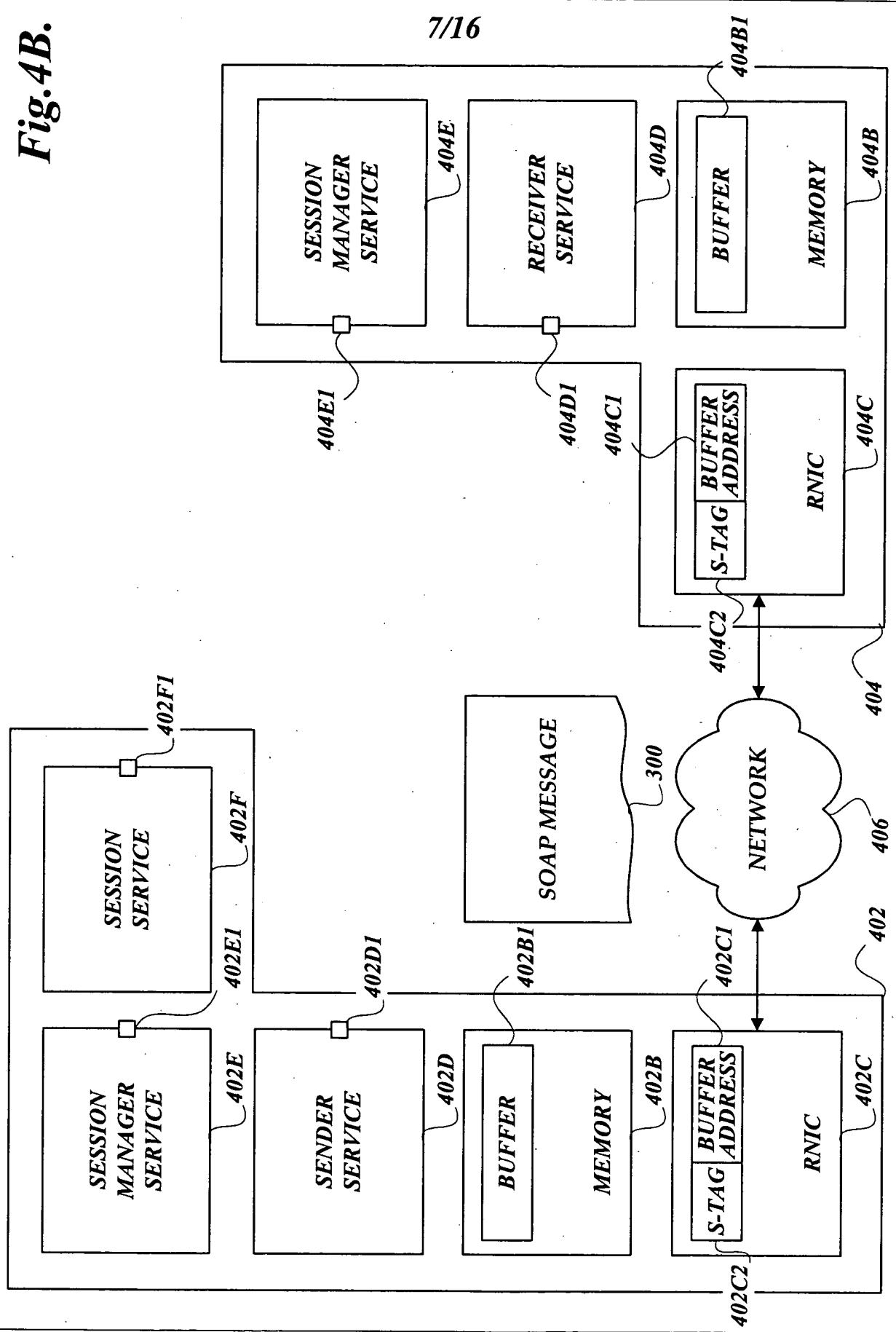
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Fig.4B.

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**START A METHOD FOR  
SENDING BY REFERENCE IN A CUSTOMIZABLE,  
TAG-BASED PROTOCOL**

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A

**A SENDER SERVICE PREPARES A MESSAGE WITH  
ONE OR MORE REFERENCES TO ONE OR MORE  
BUFFERS (SEE FIGS. 5B-5D)**

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B

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**AN INTERMEDIATE NODE PROCESSES THE  
MESSAGE WITH ONE OR MORE REFERENCES TO  
ONE OR MORE BUFFERS (SEE FIGS. 5E-5F)**

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D

E

**A RECEIVER SERVICE PROCESSES THE  
MESSAGE WITH ONE OR MORE REFERENCES TO  
ONE OR MORE BUFFERS (SEE FIGS. 5G-5I)**

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**FINISH**

**Fig.5A.**

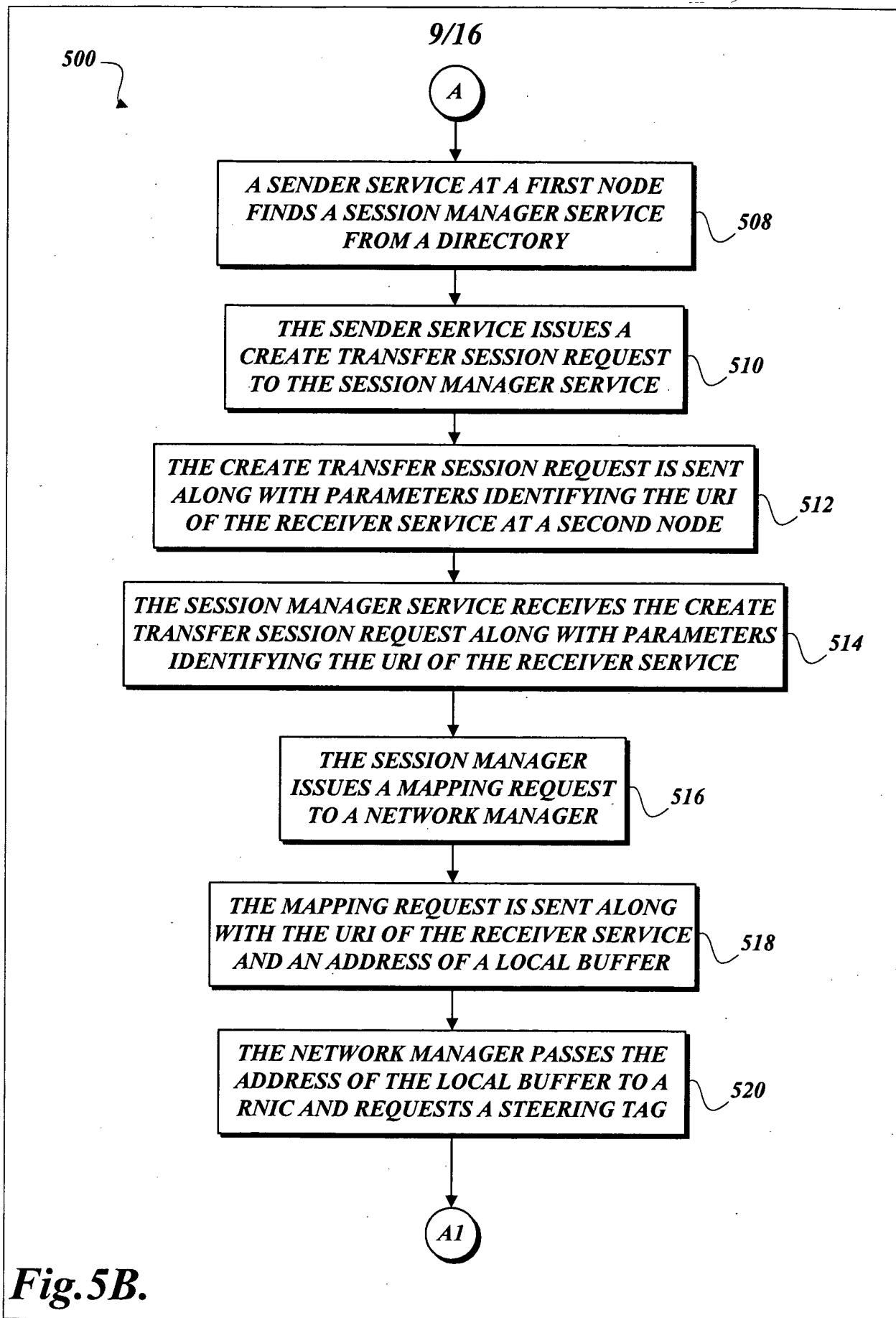


Fig.5B.

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**THE RNIC ASSOCIATES A STEERING TAG WITH THE ADDRESS OF THE LOCAL BUFFER AND RETURNS THE STEERING TAG ALONG WITH A NETWORK PORT NUMBER**

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**THE SESSION MANAGER CREATES A SESSION SERVICE WITH A URI WHICH CAN PROVIDE A TRANSFER CONTEXT (TO BE CREATED)**

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**THE SESSION MANAGER CREATES A TRANSFER CONTEXT, WHICH RELATES THE STEERING TAG WITH THE ADDRESS OF THE LOCAL BUFFER**

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**THE SESSION SERVICE IN ESSENCE REPRESENTS THE LOCAL BUFFER ALLOWING OTHER SERVICES TO QUERY FOR META DATA INFORMATION, SUCH AS THE TRANSFER CONTEXT**

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**THE SESSION MANAGER ISSUES A CREATE TRANSFER SESSION RESPONSE TO THE SENDER SERVICE (ALONG IS SENT THE URI OF THE SESSION SERVICE AND THE TRANSFER CONTEXT)**

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**THE SENDER SERVICE RECEIVES THE CREATE TRANSFER SESSION RESPONSE ALONG WITH THE URI OF THE SESSION SERVICE AND THE TRANSFER CONTEXT**

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**Fig.5C.**

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**THE SENDER SERVICE CONSTRUCTS THE HEADER OF A SOAP MESSAGE TO CONTAIN THE TRANSFER CONTEXT INCLUDING THE URI OF THE SESSION SERVICE**

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**THE SENDER SERVICE CONSTRUCTS AN ATTRIBUTE INDICATING A REFERENCE TO THE URI OF THE SESSION SERVICE**

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**THE SENDER SERVICE CONSTRUCTS A BODY OF THE SOAP MESSAGE WHICH USES THE ATTRIBUTE TO DESCRIBE THE BUFFER**

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**THE SENDER SERVICE OPTIONALY ENCODES THE BODY OF THE SOAP MESSAGE TO SECURE FROM UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS**

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**THE SENDER SERVICE SENDS AN UPDATE REQUEST ALONG WITH THE SOAP MESSAGE CONTAINING THE URI OF THE SESSION SERVICE**

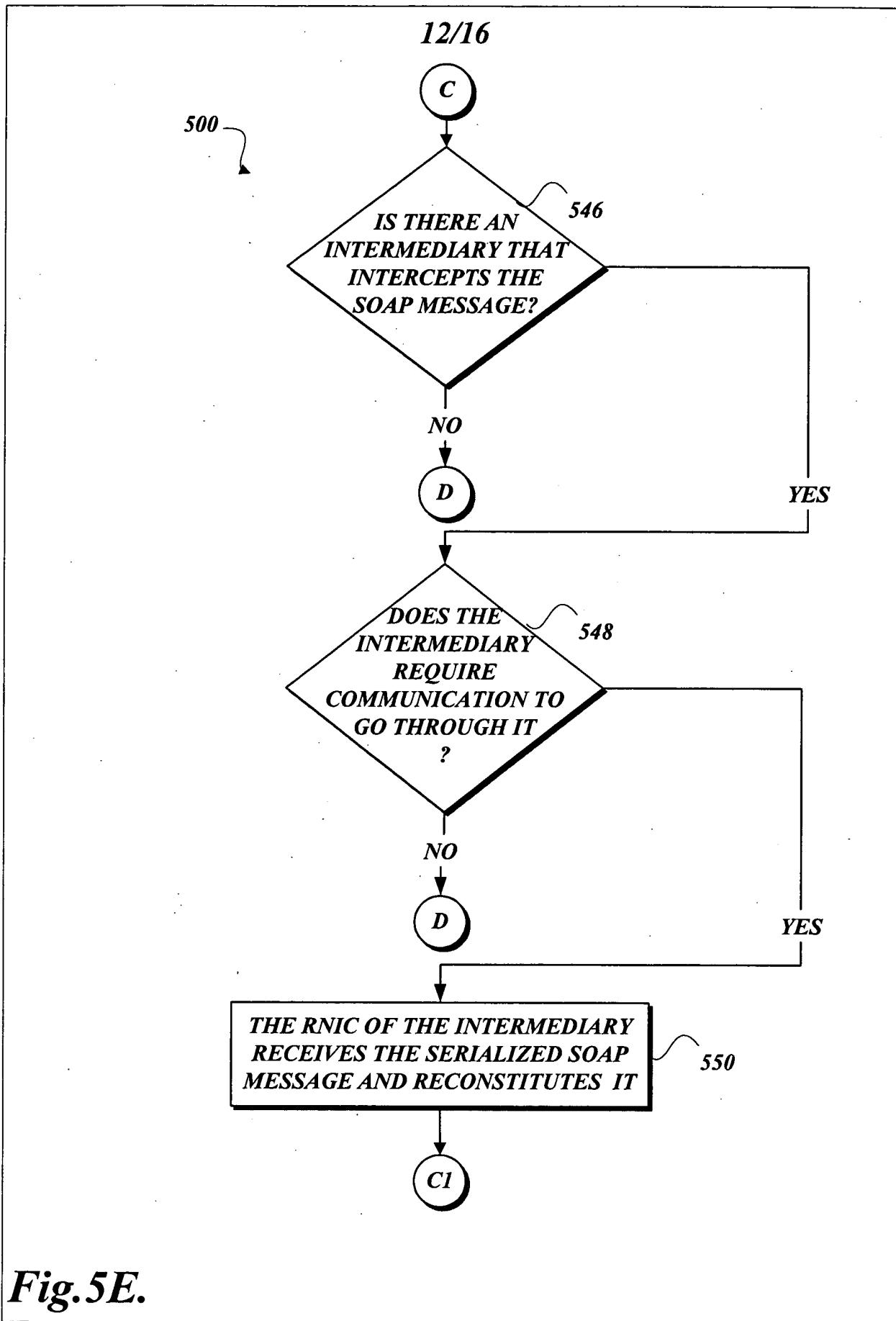
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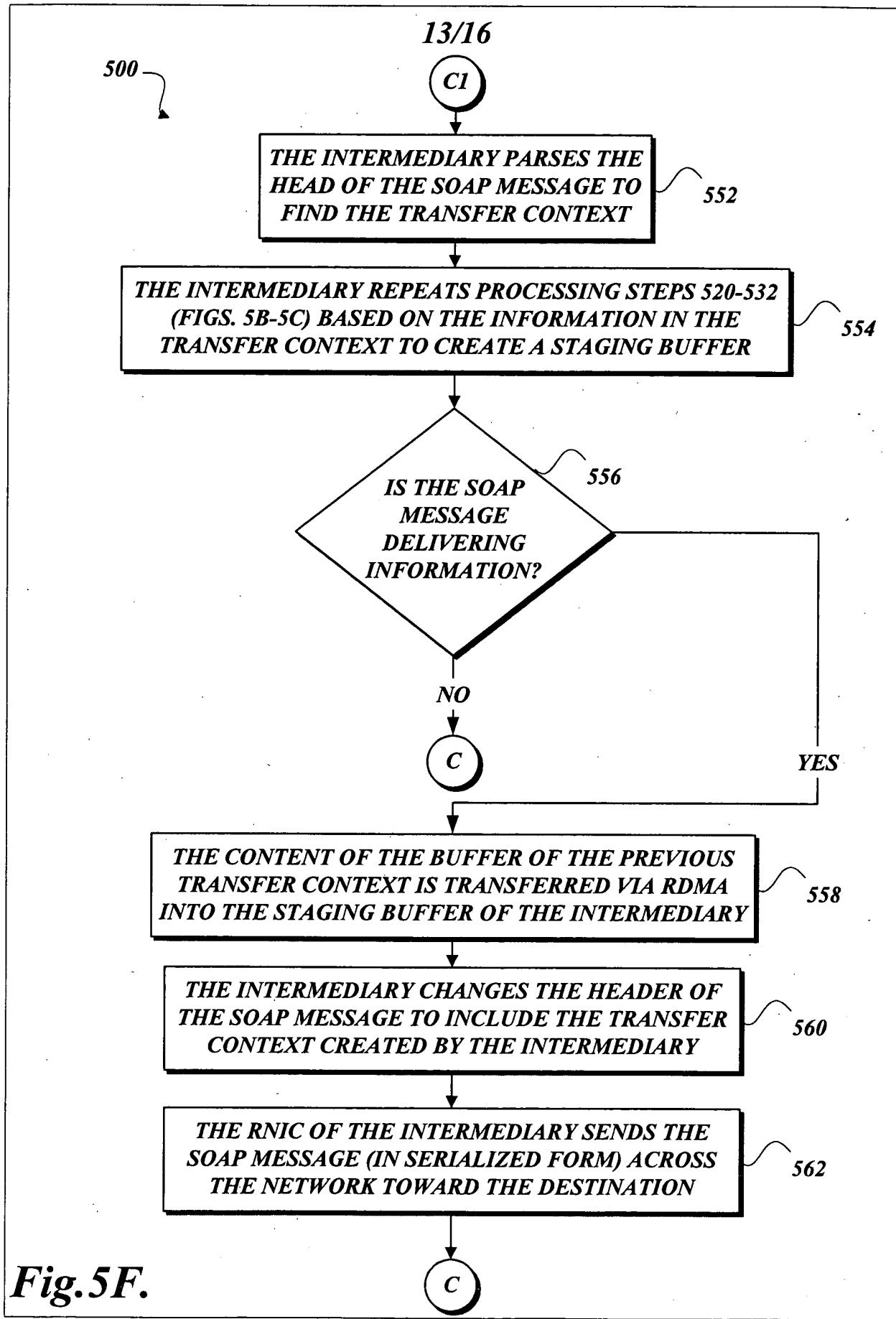
**THE RNIC OF THE FIRST NODE SENDS THE SOAP MESSAGE (IN SERIALIZED FORM) ACROSS A NETWORK**

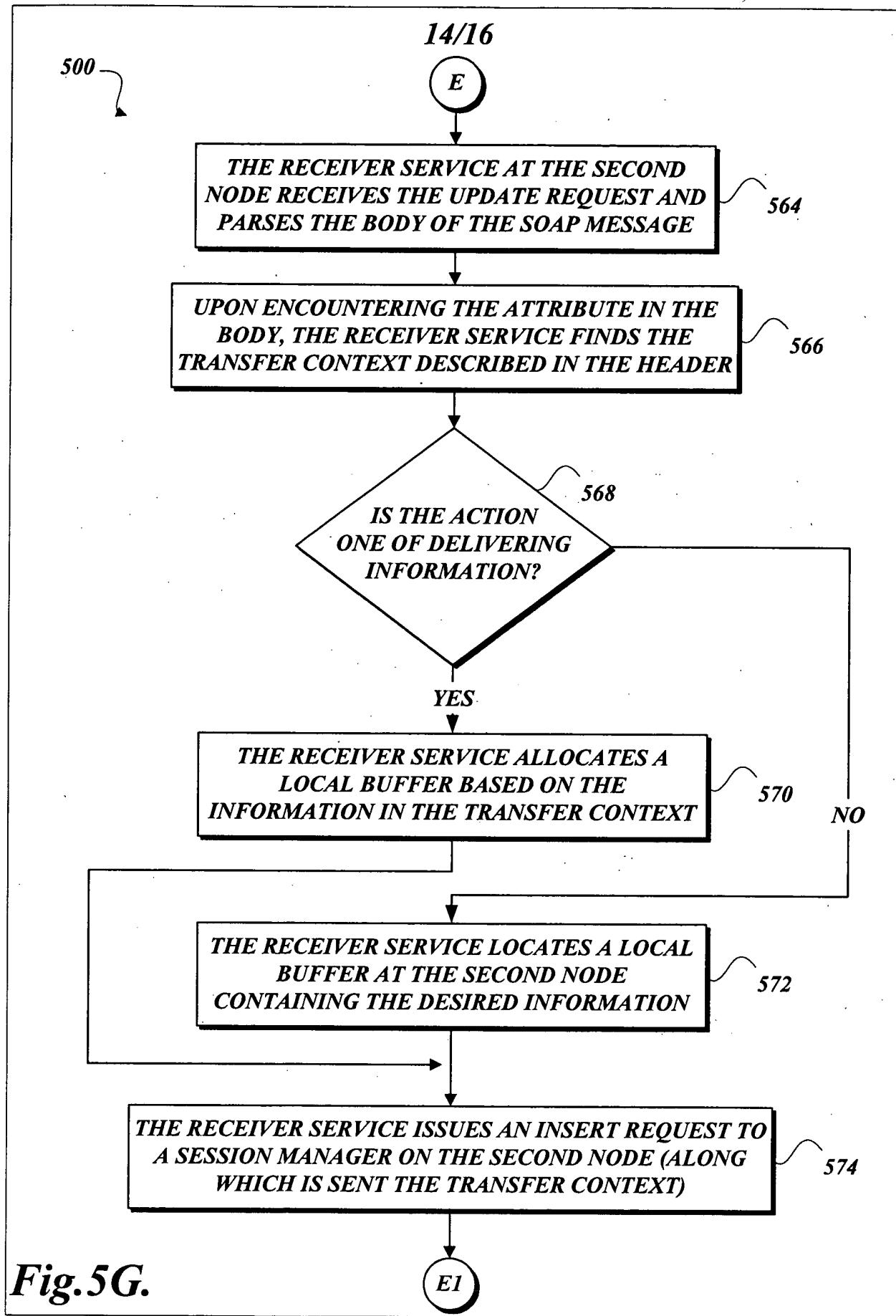
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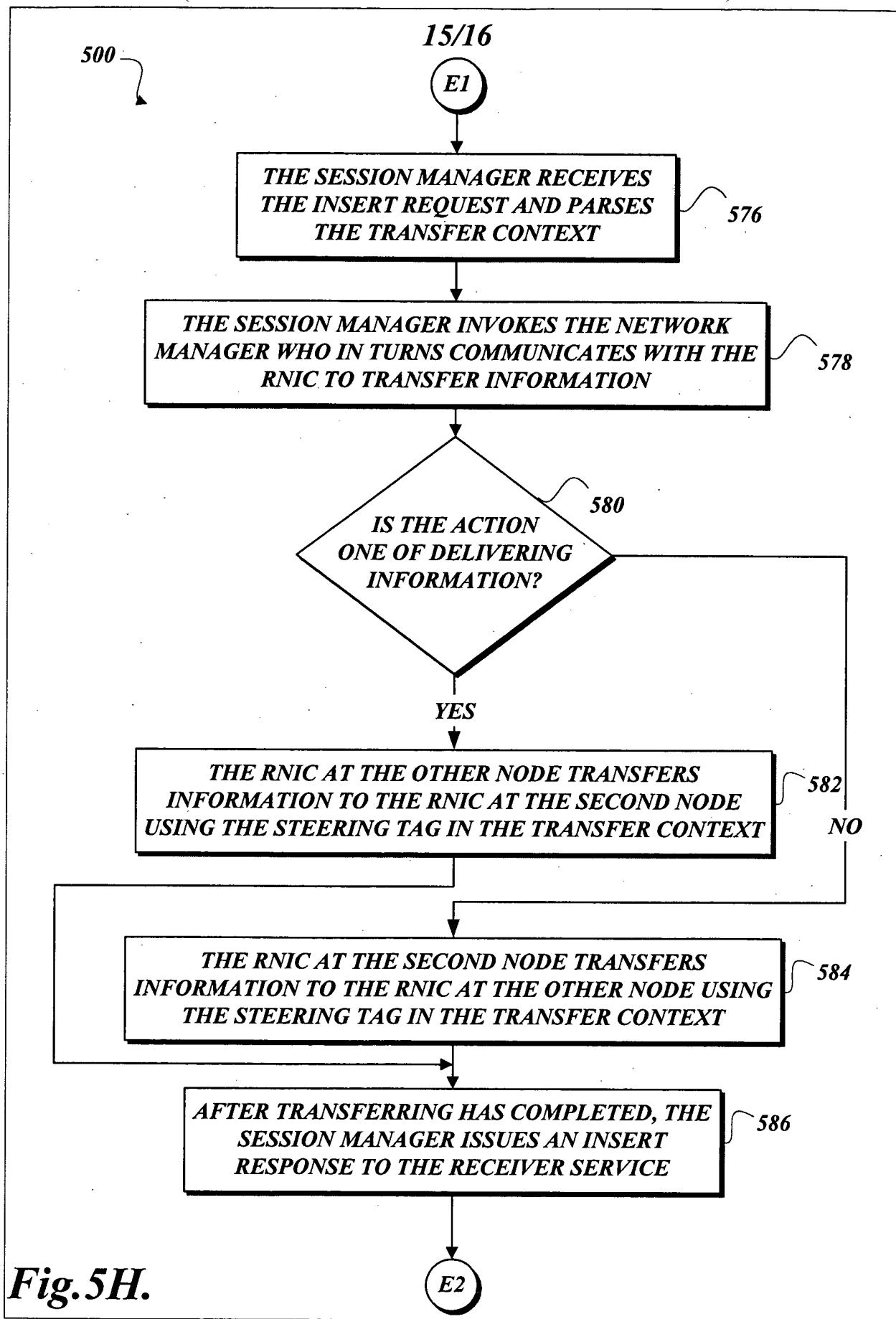
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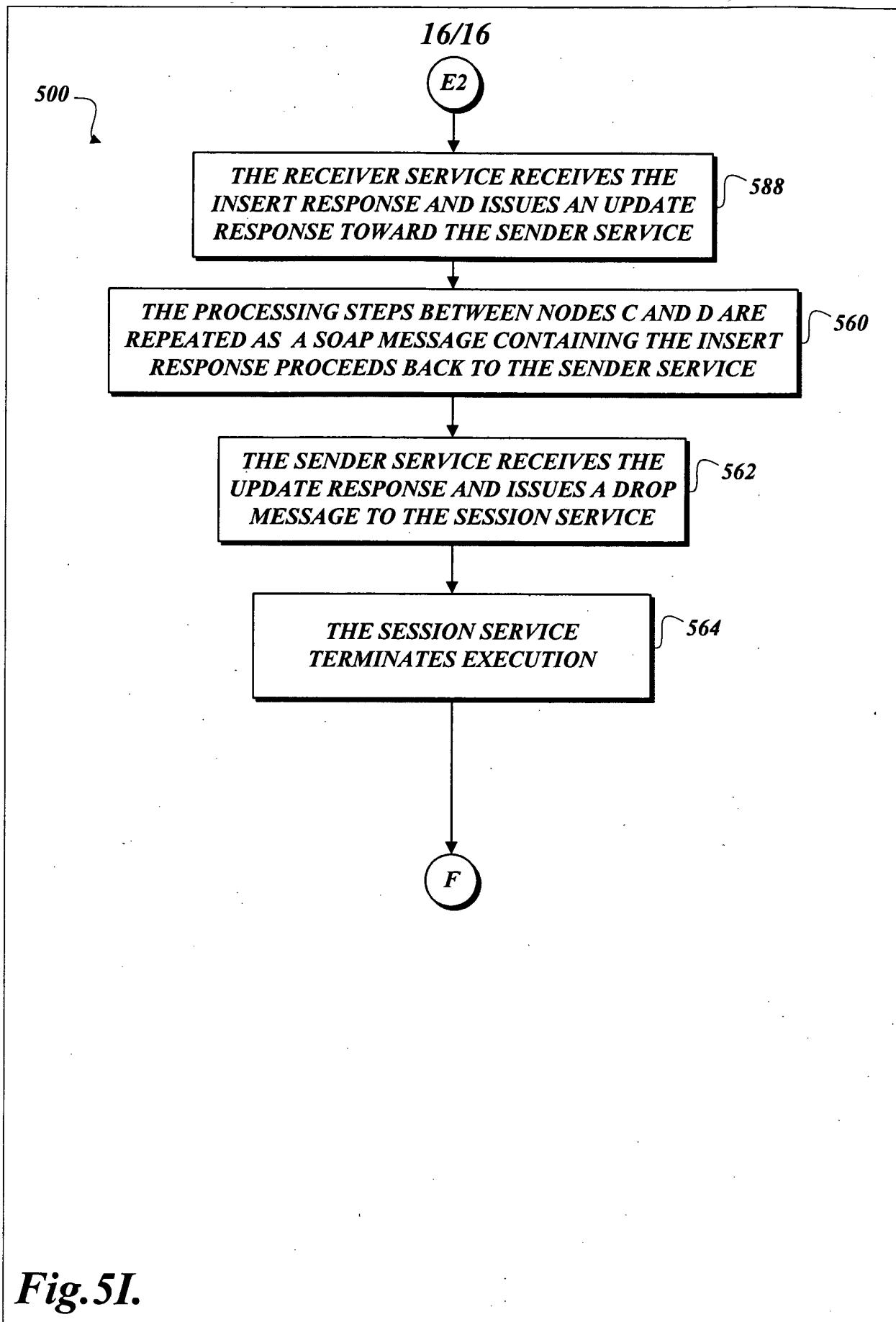






**Fig.5G.**





**Fig.5I.**